

1-1 By: Carter (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 1846
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 20, 2013, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 20, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	West	X		
1-9	Rodriguez	X		
1-10	Campbell		X	
1-11	Carona		X	
1-12	Garcia	X		
1-13	Hancock	X		
1-14	Paxton		X	

1-15 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-16 AN ACT

1-17 relating to suspension or denial of issuance or renewal of a license
1-18 for failure to pay child support.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. Section 232.008, Family Code, is amended by
1-21 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as
1-22 follows:

1-23 (b) Subject to Subsection (b-1), the [The] court or Title
1-24 IV-D agency may stay an order suspending a license conditioned on
1-25 the individual's compliance with:

1-26 (1) a reasonable repayment schedule that is
1-27 incorporated in the order;

1-28 (2) the requirements of a reissued and delivered
1-29 subpoena; or

1-30 (3) the requirements of any court order pertaining to
1-31 the possession of or access to a child.

1-32 (b-1) The court or Title IV-D agency may not stay an order
1-33 under Subsection (b)(1) unless the individual makes an immediate
1-34 partial payment in an amount specified by the court or Title IV-D
1-35 agency. The amount specified may not be less than \$200.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 232.0135(b), Family Code, is amended to
1-37 read as follows:

1-38 (b) A licensing authority that receives the information
1-39 described by Subsection (a) shall refuse to accept an application
1-40 for issuance of a license to the obligor or renewal of an existing
1-41 license of the obligor until the authority is notified by the child
1-42 support agency that the obligor has:

1-43 (1) paid all child support arrearages;

1-44 (2) made an immediate payment of not less than \$200
1-45 toward child support arrearages owed and established with the
1-46 agency a satisfactory repayment schedule for the remainder or is in
1-47 compliance with a court order for payment of the arrearages;

1-48 (3) been granted an exemption from this subsection as
1-49 part of a court-supervised plan to improve the obligor's earnings
1-50 and child support payments; or

1-51 (4) successfully contested the denial of issuance or
1-52 renewal of license under Subsection (d).

1-53 SECTION 3. (a) Section 232.008(b-1), Family Code, as added
1-54 by this Act, applies only to an order suspending a license that is
1-55 rendered on or after the effective date of this Act. An order
1-56 suspending a license rendered before the effective date of this Act
1-57 is governed by the law in effect on the date the order was rendered,
1-58 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

1-59 (b) Section 232.0135(b), Family Code, as amended by this
1-60 Act, applies only to a notice provided under Section 232.0135(a),
1-61 Family Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A notice

2-1 provided under Section 232.0135(a), Family Code, before the
2-2 effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the
2-3 date the notice was provided, and the former law is continued in
2-4 effect for that purpose.

2-5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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